



ALEXANDRIA.

SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 24.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS to all and a happy New Year.

CHRISTMAS has come again, with all its pleasant memories and joyous anticipations, its happy family reunions, and its festivities and merry makings. As there are few of them even in the longest lives, each one as it comes should be made the most of, and all the pleasure of which it is capable be enjoyed to the fullest extent. Surely, after three hundred and sixty-four days of labor, care, anxiety and grief, mortals may be allowed the poor privilege of discarding all their troubles for one short day, and of abandoning themselves for that time to such enjoyment as their means will afford. Therefore, let joy be unconfined to old as well as young, and for the one day at least, let us say:

"We've done with damps and grumbling,
We're quite abolished signs,
And wise men take to tumbling,
And only fools are wise.
Good bye to sober reason,
Let none but madcaps lose;
The only gain in season
Is that which stuff a goose."

It is with pleasure that we announce that the local item in yesterday's GAZETTE calling attention to the destitute circumstances of numbers of people in our midst has been responded to and their necessities relieved, and that many others in an equal plightable condition have been searched out to have their hearts gladdened, also, by a portion of the good things of life at this festive season. To relieve the necessities of the poor is not only a duty but a precious privilege which none should ignore, for the good book tells us that without charity all our spiritual endowments are but as "sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal."

If the republican Senators be the right sort of men, the fact that the republican Governors of some of the States have presumed to instruct some of them to vote against confirming the nomination of Mr. Lamar as Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, will induce them to confirm that nomination in short order after the Congressional recess. As Mr. Lamar has been one of the chief democratic mugwumps of the administration, the republican opposition to his confirmation is an apt and striking homily upon the absurdity of mugwumpism during the existing condition of political feeling in the country.

It is to be hoped that the action of the canal convention at Cumberland in appointing committees to urge both Congress and the legislature of Maryland to aid in the maintenance of the C. & O. canal may result in good. So far as relates to Congress, the Virginia and West Virginia delegations in that body should afford the effort all the help in their power, for the canal is of material benefit to the upper counties of both States and to this city.

IN WASHINGTON, the jury in the case of Lewis Williams, colored, indicted for the murder of ex-policeman Alder last October, has been discharged, as it could not agree, the nine white men on it being for conviction, the three colored men, for acquittal. Could a more patent illustration of the modern jury system humbug be exhibited?

THE ADVISABILITY of continuing the present system of conducting the Congressional Record is again under discussion. The only way to conduct the Record properly is to see that it contains every word—and none other—that is uttered during the session of Congress, so that the members may be judged by what they say, and not by what they may wish they had said, as is now the case.

BY THE death of ex-Secretary Manning the democrats of New York have lost a wise and able counselor and leader. But that loss was discounted when Mr. Manning was stricken with paralysis more than a year ago. Mr. Manning's guidance and assistance will be sadly missed by the Cleveland men in the next national democratic convention.

The American Magazine for December has been received from its publishers in New York. Its contents are: The Boy Christ Among the Doctors, Chris Ideals in American Art, A Street in New Orleans, The Naturalist, Christmas in the Grand Army, A Chinese Legend, Olivia Delaplane, Salmon Fishing on the Casapedia, Walton's Christmas Gift, Natural Gas in Findlay, Chime Pictures, A Chat with the Good Gray Poet, The Silver Bells, The Love Story of Miles Standish, My Cabin, Reconciliation, Literature, The American Pulpit, Timely Topics, Calendar of Health, Household Art, and The Portfolio.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Correspondence of the ALEX. GAZETTE.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24, 1887.

There is some talk of a caucus of the republican Senators to determine upon the action they shall take upon the report of the Judiciary Committee, when made, on the confirmation of Secretary Lamar as Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court. It is well known that Senator Riddleberger and several other republican Senators have expressed an intention of voting for Mr. Lamar's confirmation, and the object of the reported caucus will be to attempt to keep the kickers in the traces.

In the year and a half of the Arthur administration and the nearly three years of Mr. Cleveland's, during which the civil service law has been in operation, of all the thousands of office holders here subject to that law, only 1279 have been appointed.

Thousands of good and true democrats have been examined under the law, and have passed the most satisfactory examinations, but that is the last ever heard of them. And this, too, though the GAZETTE's correspondent is informed that Mr. Oberly, the chief of the civil service commission, has had females appointed to lucrative offices who have not passed satisfactory examinations, who are not competent for the places they hold, and whose chief occupation while in the departments is corridor walking.

Mr. E. L. Nevitt of Fairfax county, Virginia, has been appointed a watchman in the Navy Department. Mrs. Willie Adam of Alexandria has been appointed to a position in the Postoffice Department.

The clerks in the government departments here were given holiday from noon to-day until Tuesday morning.

A Northern republican here to-day, who saw General Mahone in New York last Thursday, says the General tells people there that the rank and file of the Virginia voters are protectionists, and that the chances of the republicans carrying Virginia next fall are better than those of the democrats. He says the General is not such a pronounced Sherman man as he once was, and now tells enquirers, that the Virginia republicans will support the nominee of the national republican convention. In respect to Mr. Lamar's confirmation, the General says he knows very well how he would vote if he were now in the Senate. As Senator Riddleberger intends to vote for Mr. Lamar's confirmation, and as General Mahone agrees with that Senator on that point, it is supposed the General means that he would vote against the nomination.

Judging from the material of which the fence around the site of the new Congressional Library is composed, the present generation is not likely to witness the completion of that building. The posts are kyanized, and the boards tongue and grooved, and painted on both sides.

At the meeting of the Virginia democratic association of this city last night, the committee appointed at a previous meeting, consisting of H. L. Bissot, T. J. Luttrell, Miles Dean, H. S. McCandlish and R. C. Glascock, to consider the advisability of tendering Senator-elect Barbour a complimentary banquet, reported that they understood it would be agreeable to Mr. Barbour to hold the matter in abeyance for a while. E. O. Crump, of Richmond, excited some feeling in the meeting by stating that the association was in the hands of the silk stocking members, and that the working men in it were not recognized.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

There were 261 business failures in the United States last week.

All the business exchanges in New York will be closed until Tuesday.

Sullivan has written a letter expressing a great desire to fight Klutzn for any amount.

Chief Clerk Smith, of the steam engineering bureau, Navy Department, will be dropped January 1.

According to the latest information in Rome a cardinal's hat is likely to be offered to Archbishop Williams, of Boston.

The grand jury in New York yesterday investigated the charges against Ives & Saylor, but were dissatisfied without returning any indictments against them.

John B. A. Rogers, formerly a large property holder in Brooklyn, died in a station house cell in New York yesterday morning. He had been drinking, it is said, and was inebriated when taken into the station house Thursday night.

Major J. M. Wright, of Louisville, Ky., has been appointed Marshal of the United States Supreme Court, in place of Col. J. G. Nicolay, who had held that position about fifteen years. Major Wright's appointment will take effect on the 21st of January next.

There is considerable excitement in Roman Catholic circles in Toronto over the circular issued to each supporter of separate schools at the instance of the Toronto branch of the Irish National League, calling on every Irish Catholic to oppose at the polls those trustees who marched in the procession on the day of the Queen's jubilee last June.

The schooner yacht Maria, of New York, sailed from Key West last night for Belize, in search of hidden treasure. The information and chart relating to the treasure were obtained from a sailor in Washington. Many prominent congressmen are said to be interested in the venture. The expedition is in command of Special Treasury Agent Peck.

LOCKED UP IN A CAR.—Harry Smith, a fifteen-year-old boy, was let out of a box-car yesterday morning by Officer T. Ryan. He said he had been in the car for a week. Officer Ryan was passing along Eutaw street, at Camden Station, when he heard a knocking, which seemed to come from a car. He had the door opened, and still hearing the noise, he caused the boy with which the car was loaded, to be taken out. This was done, and out walked the small boy, weak as a two-day-old kitten and looking half-starved. He was taken to the Southern Station, where Lieutenant Sunstrom gave him something to eat. He told Justice Warfield that he had been in the car for a week. Last Friday, at Harper's Ferry, he crawled into the car, which was half full of hay, lay down and went to sleep, and when he awoke the door was locked. He had nothing to eat, but hay, and he wasn't a horse, and couldn't digest that nor did he have any water. He had worked on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and wanted to get home to Philadelphia. Harry was released, and he made for Union Depot. The police think the boy has been in the car several days, but not a week.—Baltimore American.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED.—A dispatch from Philadelphia says: Captain Walton, of the schooner C. G. Cranmer, makes the following statement: "On Tuesday morning the 20th instant, his mate and crew boarded the schooner D. & E. Kelly, 50 miles east of Cape Henlopen, and found the captain lying down under the lazaret, and not buried at sea, as published. There were finger marks on his throat and several bruises on his head. His pockets had been ransacked and some of them torn. Nothing remained in his pockets but a towel which had been paid at Norfolk. His pistol was lying on the quarterdeck with one chamber empty. Capt. Walton thinks that Capt. Taylor had met with foul play, and tried to defend himself with his pistol.

\$2,000 DAMAGES DEMANDED FOR A KISS. Mrs. Jennie Walker of Ontario, has sued Daniel Elman for \$2,000 damages for kissing her on the left cheek last September. She alleges that Elman came into her house on business with her husband, and when her husband went out of the room for a moment, he suddenly leaned over and kissed her, whereby she was thrown into nervous prostration, and because of the shock occasioned by Elman's heavy act she was physically incapacitated from household duties for several weeks. Elman admits that he kissed her, but he says he has regarded her as his child, and his act was only one of affection for her. He will defend the suit.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mr. William Carruthers, formerly of Loudoun, died in Kansas, Nov. 21st, of consumption.

During the year just closing there were 104 marriage licenses issued to white couples and 19 to colored couples in Fauquier county.

Harris D. Burruss, a well-known citizen of King William county, fell dead on Thursday evening. Before the war Mr. Burruss was doorkeeper of the House of Delegates for several terms.

Mr. H. Clay Ryan, a Confederate soldier, after a lingering illness of consumption, died in Leesburg, on Thursday morning, in the 45th year of his age. As soon as his age would permit during the war, he joined White's battalion, and bore the reputation of a gallant, faithful soldier.

It is stated in an exchange that Rev. W. W. Walker, formerly of Lynchburg, who left the Methodist Protestant to join the Methodist Episcopal church, has now become an Episcopalian, and accepted a call to the Episcopal church at Oxford, Md.

Mr. Richard Woodard was painfully injured while bird hunting near Brentsville last week. He was in company with a young friend—Mr. Colvin. A bird was flushed and both gentlemen fired. Mr. Woodard receiving his friend's shot. He is painfully wounded and will lose the sight of his left eye.

Mr. Gay of Illinois, has recently purchased the valuable farm in Spottsylvania county, formerly owned by Jas. C. Hart, deceased, and known as "Millbrook," for \$13,500. On this property is a grist and saw mill, and upon these Mr. Gray proposes to erect new mills, which will be of incalculable benefit to that section.

Dogs made a raid on S. L. Moore's sheep near Bollington, Loudoun co., one night last week and killed 4 or 5 of them and wounded as many more. Some were either dragged off or were so frightened they could not be found. On the same night there was also a raid made on a flock of Robert Wright's near Wheatland, and several of them were killed.

Dick Welcher, a colored youth, 18 years of age, outraged a very old white woman named Fifer near Liberty on Thursday. Mrs. Fifer was passing through a piece of wood, when Welcher stopped her with a pistol, telling her he would blow her brains out if she resisted. After accomplishing his design he allowed the old woman to go. The people are very indignant over the act and large parties are on the hunt for the fiend, and, if caught, he will be lynched.

JAY GOULD'S ROMANCE.—Jay Gould's first sweetheart now keeps a boarding house at Plattsburg, N. Y. She is elderly and gray-haired now, and is not strikingly handsome, but in her day she was blithe and pretty. She was the daughter of a country storekeeper. Jay Gould, after leaving his father's farm, went to work in the store, and promptly fell in love with the rosy cheeked maiden. But the old man had much higher views for his daughter than a marriage with a young man in his own shop would realize. He not only gave young Gould to understand that a marriage was out of the question, but dispensed with his services as well. Jay took his rejection philosophically enough, and gave himself up to the work of making a fortune. While he was growing richer and richer, and piling up million upon million, his old love was vainly trying to battle with misfortune. Her father, who had plumed himself so proudly upon the ownership of his "general store," failed; the husband whom she took after Jay Gould had gone away had brought little to her, and so at the end she endeavored to eke out an income by opening her house to summer boarders. She has a wondrous amount of philosophy in her make up, and a very little envy. She is bright, good-natured, and contented with what fortune has brought—ought one to say left?

her. Some of Jay Gould's relatives spend a week at her farmhouse every year, but Jay himself never goes there.—Chicago Tribune.

SAD ACCIDENT.—A letter from Potomac City to the Manassas Gazette says:

"A sad accident happened here on the arrival of the 6 p. m. train on last Saturday, which may cause the death of Miss Irene, the daughter of Justice K. E. Herndon, of Stafford county. Miss Irene was on her way home from Washington, and missing the fast mail, by which her friends expected her, came on the evening train. On her arrival at Potomac she was left to find her way as best she could in the dark, snowy night, and fell from the platform of the car to the stony ground, striking head first and fracturing her upper jaw bone, smashing several teeth and bruising her face and eyes past all recognition. She was found in an unconscious state by Mr. Bladen, who took her home and ministered as well as could be to her relief until Monday, when she was removed to her home in Stafford, where she lies in a precarious condition, and all because a conductor forgot he had a passenger for Quantico. It is a terrible blow to her family and friends."

WASHINGTON'S VIOLIN.—There is a violin on exhibition at 27 Union square, New York, which was once the property of Geo. Washington. Mr. George Gemunder bought it a week ago of Mr. Thomas B. Washington, of Charlestown, W. Va., who received it through Judge Bushrod Washington, a nephew of the General. The story is told that Gen. Washington was on a visit to friends in lower Virginia, and was passing a negro cabin, from which issued the sweet strains of a violin. The music so enchanted the General that he paused and entered the cabin. The darkey violinist readily gave another performance, and Washington bought the instrument on the spot. Although not an adept, Washington is said to have whistled away time at Mr. Vernon with this violin. The instrument is the make of a pupil of Jacobus Steiner, and is nearly 200 years old. The fittings, of course, are new, but the old case is intact.—New York Sun.

KILLED BY A CHEW OF TOBACCO.—John Hinton, who resides with his parents in the lower part of Jeffersonville was returning home shortly before 11 o'clock Sunday night, and in passing the residence of Pierce McCarthy, an O. & M. engineer, he was accosted by a man sitting on the door-steps. Upon going to the spot he found him to be John Powell, who was very sick, saying that he had swallowed a chew of tobacco going over the ferryboat. He asked Hinton to take him to the residence of Mrs. Syrester on Indiana avenue near Sixth street. This young Hinton was unable to do alone and he went to summon assistance. When he returned with Will and Harry Murphy, Powell was sitting on the door-step dead, from issuing from his mouth and nose.—Louisville Commercial.

Expressions of gratitude on the part of the public are always impressive and solemn. It is pleasant to know that the people are justly praising the merits of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, a safeguard for coughs, colds, bronchitis, croup and sore throat.



TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Death of Mr. Manning.

ALBANY, Dec. 24.—Daniel Manning is dead. He seemed to rally and brighten considerably this morning, to the surprise of his family, and about 1 o'clock this afternoon his son, James H., who had been up watching at the bedside almost with out rest, went out for a short walk in the fresh air. He returned in a few moments and entering the room where the nurse and the patient were, discovered that his father was breathing faster, with shortened breath. The mark of death was on his countenance, and though Mr. Manning had repeatedly requested his family not to witness his passing away, it was deemed best to summon the household, and in the presence of his family at 1:34 this afternoon Mr. Manning quietly and gently ceased to breathe.

Deadly Warfare.

OZARK, Mo., Dec. 24.—Col. Almus Stone, of this city, returned from Stone county yesterday and says that a deadly warfare is raging near Galena, in that county. Very little is known of the story of the feud, but it seems that the Terry brothers, five in number, living near Maybury's Ferry, on the White river, have for years defied the law and intimidated the community. They have been charged with various crimes, including horse stealing, and finally a vigilance committee was organized to drive them out of the county. The Terrys with their friends overawed the leaders of the regulating movement and the outlaws held their ground. Two weeks ago one of the Terrys was shot from ambush and killed. Soon after this one Weeks, a member of the anti-Terry faction, was shot to pieces by unknown assassins. A few days after the death of Weeks, Garrett, a friend of the Terrys, was fired upon by Grant Wagner and William Ambrose, who had secreted themselves behind a tree. Ambrose was armed with a double barreled breech loading shot gun and Wagner with a repeating Winchester rifle. Garrett carried a Winchester rifle and when fired upon by the assassins, jumped from his horse and took a position behind a tree and about 45 yards from Ambrose and Wagner. The fight which ensued lasted about fifteen minutes, during which time over twenty shots were exchanged. Wagner received two mortal wounds and his ally (Ambrose) fled, leaving Garrett master of the field. About this time, Frank Ambrose, a brother of William, who had heard the shooting, came up on the scene armed with a revolver and opened fire on Garrett, killing him at the second shot and receiving himself a mortal wound. Ambrose then took his wounded brother home, the latter dying in a few hours. It is said that ten men have been killed in the neighborhood and that no one has received any legal punishment. An appeal has been made to Governor Marmaduke to send troops to the scene.

Pugilistic.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Paddy Ryan and Joe McAuliffe met in the 18 foot ring of the California Athletic Club last night. Both men appeared in fine condition. The directors of the club informed the combatants that no ordinary fouls would be taken notice of, as the club was putting \$1,000 to be fought for, and the spectators, who paid \$10 a piece, should have the worth of their money. It was agreed that if the police stopped the fight in the first round, or before the men began, they were to get \$125 each to pay for their training expenses. If the police stopped the fight after the eighth round each man was to receive \$800. If the fight was fought to a finish, and the referee decided that it had been fairly won, the victor was to get \$1,000. These provisions were considered necessary, as since Ryan was knocked out by Sullivan his stock has been very low here, and the belief was general that McAuliffe would win. McAuliffe stripped at 200 pounds. McAuliffe won in three of the worst fought rounds possible to imagine. In the second round Ryan was knocked down twice. The third round was all a scramble. Ryan was groggy and McAuliffe was too awkward to hit him. Ryan threw up the sponge on the fourth round being called. His truss slipped in the first round. McAuliffe's father, who was present, bet all the money he had on his boy.

Exaggerated Reports.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 24.—It would seem from fuller information obtained at this point that reports of suffering in Western Kansas have been exaggerated. There have actually been two deaths in Kansas and two in Nebraska and these have been reported to make a scare. The crops in Western Kansas have been poor and a great majority of the settlers have been there but a short time and are poor. But they are not in a starving condition by any means. A large portion are comfortably housed in dugouts and have laid in a supply of cow chips for the winter, which will keep them from suffering. The weather is moderating, the thermometer ranging from 40 to 60 degrees above zero.

A Ghastly Discovery.

WICHITA, Kas., Dec. 24.—A ghastly discovery, recalling deeds similar to those of the notorious Bender family, has been made on a ranch nine miles from Oak City, in N. Man's Land. The ranch had been occupied by a family named Kelly. Nothing was known against them, and when they suddenly left a while ago the fact caused no comment. A few days ago a man happened to enter the house they had occupied. A terrible stench caused him to investigate, and in the basement he found the partly decomposed body of a man. He notified others and a search was made. Two more bodies were found. In the floor was a peculiarly constructed trap door by which it is believed the victims were thrown into the cellar and disposed of at pleasure. A good many people have mysteriously disappeared of late.

Fires.

SEATTLE, N. J., Dec. 24.—The Gatzmer House, at Dannisville, was completely destroyed by fire at four o'clock this morning. Loss \$10,000; partly covered by insurance.

FARGO, Dak., Dec. 24.—Fire broke out yesterday in Boyle's livery stable, which was destroyed, together with four two-story business blocks. The total loss is \$30,475; insurance \$21,914.

NAPEDVILLE, Ill., Dec. 24.—The residence of Herman J. Pahlman was burned last night, together with the furniture and nine paintings purchased by Mr. Pahlman in Paris, valued at \$25,000. The property was well insured.

Dakota.

ST PAUL, Minn., Dec. 24.—The Pioneer Press recently sent pointed inquiries to the members of the present Congress asking their views on the question of the division of Dakota and its admission as either two States or one. This morning it publishes replies from 76 members of the House, representing 26 States and including 58 republicans and 18 democrats, which indicate a strong probability of the passage of an enabling act admitting the Territory as one State after the next Presidential campaign, if such action will be acquiesced in by the people of the Territory.

An Infernal Machine.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Dr. Edson, of the Health Bureau, has examined the infernal machine sent to Lieut. May as a Christmas present last night, and pronounces it one of the most diabolical contrivances he has ever seen. In it was a vial of nitric acid, which, when exploded by the powder in the box, would have scarred whoever was handling the machine and probably fatally blinded him. The police are searching for the boy who delivered the box.

Handed Over for Trial.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Julius Lauterbach, the bookkeeper for Messrs. Haas & Son, of this city, who was arrested yesterday for forging checks on the Jefferson County Bank at Watertown, N. Y., to the amount of \$2,700 while he was employed as clerk in the Quartermaster's Department, at Sackett's Harbor, a U. S. army station, was handed over to the sheriff of Jefferson county to day and taken back to Watertown for trial.

A Denial.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 24.—A telegram received from the Two Republics of the City of Mexico, denies the reports that President Diaz has annulled the decrees of Minister Pacheco regarding the International Company's title to Ensenada de Todos Santos, or that Romero Rubio resigned from the cabinet on account of the president's action. It also denies that Mrs. Burton has made her title good to any portion of Ensenada.

Disabled Steamer.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The British steamer Albany, which has just arrived at Liverpool from New Orleans, December 21, reports that on the 18th inst., in latitude 50 n., lon. 25.50 w., she passed a disabled four-masted steamer showing three red lights, sailing in a northeasterly direction.

An Editor Shot.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 24.—John J. Littleton, editor of The National Review, the leading republican paper in Tennessee, was shot near his home, on High street, this morning by Jos. R. Banks, a real estate agent. Politics was the cause of the trouble.

All Quiet.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—All is quiet at the Port Richmond coal wharves this morning. The strikers are orderly. Superintendent of Police Lamson has issued orders to police lieutenants to keep the entire force of reserve and detail officers at the station houses until further orders.

The Lost Raft.

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—Fears are entertained in maritime circles that the Nova Scotia lumber raft which is now adrift in the Atlantic will be a source of danger to the Allan line steamers. The government is urged to take steps to find the missing raft.

Mr. Parnell.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Mr. Parnell will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. O'Shea at Eltham, in Kent. Mr. Parnell's health is much improved. He will probably address his constituents in Cork in January.

Missing.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Archibald McNeill, a leading member of the staff of the Sportsman, is mysteriously missing. He was last seen on Tuesday when he embarked for Boulogne.

Admitted to Bail.

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—Capt. Dunne, who was committed for trial here for firing a revolver at the Rev. Henry Melville, the betrayer of Dunne's daughter, has been admitted to bail.

THE ADVANTAGE OF REST.—There is no better preventive of nervous exhaustion than regular, unburied, muscular exercise. If we could moderate our hurry, lessen our worry and increase our open-air exercise, many of our nervous diseases would be abolished. For those who cannot get a sufficient holiday the best substitute is an occasional day in bed. Many whose nerves are constantly strained in their daily vocation have discovered this for themselves. A Spanish merchant in Barcelona told his medical man that he always went to bed for two or three days whenever he could be spared from his business, and he laughed at those who spent their holidays on tollsome mountains. One of the hardest-worked women in England, who has for many years conducted a large wholesale business, retains excellent nerves at an advanced age, owing, it is believed, to her habit of taking one day a week in bed. If we cannot avoid frequent agitation we ought, if possible, to give the nervous system time to recover itself between the shocks. Even an hour's seclusion after a good lunch will deprive a hurried, anxious day of much of its injury. The nerves can often be overcome by strategic when they refuse to be controlled by strength of will.—Nineteenth Century.

A RINGING PROCLAMATION.—Mayor Carrington, of Richmond, yesterday issued a proclamation to the children of Richmond. He says: "I trust to your character and morality to observe the Sabbath strictly. Monday you can 'paint the town red,' but it up with horns and be the 'monarchs of all you survey.' If the old fogies don't like horn music let them stay in their holes on your day, for they give you but one day in a year."

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.—Virginia 6s consolidated 40; post-due coupons 65; 10-40s 37; new 3s 66 bid to day.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Reserve, increase, \$1,108,000; Loans, increase, 148,300; Specie, increase, 1,249,200; Legal tenders, decrease, 71,200; Deposits, increase, 279,600; Circulation, increase, 30,000. The banks now hold in excess of the 25 per cent. rule, 9,036,400.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF PRODUCE DEC. 24.

Flour, fine.....	\$2.50	@	2 75
Superfine.....	2 75	@	3 00
Extra.....	3 75	@	4 25
Family.....	4 75	@	5 00
Fancy bran.....	4 75	@	5 25
Wheat, Longberry.....	0 83	@	0 87
Fultz.....	0 80	@	0 86
Mixed.....	0 80	@	0 86
Fair Wheat.....	0 78	@	0 82
Damp and tough.....	0 70	@	0 75
Corn, white.....	0 51	@	0 53
Yellow.....	0 51	@	0 53
Corn Meal.....	0 55	@	0 58
Rye.....	0 54	@	0 62
Oats.....	0 35	@	0 37
Butter, Virginia prime.....	0 22	@	0 25
Common to middling.....	0 15	@	0 18
Eggs.....	0 22	@	0 23
Dressed Chickens.....	0 9	@	0 10
Live Turkeys.....	0 19	@	0 20
Dressed Turkeys, drawn.....	0 13	@	0 15
Dressed Pork.....	6 50	@	7 50
Hind quarters Beef.....	0 5	@	0 5 1/2
Fore quarters Beef.....	0 3	@	0 3 1/2
Veal calves.....	0 25	@	0 26
Irish Potatoes.....	0 75	@	0 80
Onions.....	1 00	@	1 25
Apples per barrel.....	2 00	@	3 00
Dried Peaches, peeled.....	0 7	@	0 8
" " unpeeled.....	0 5	@	0 6
" Cherries.....	0 15	@	0 17
Dried Apples.....	0 5	@	0 6
Ham, country.....	0 51	@	0 54
Sugar-cured Ham.....	0 12	@	0 12 1/2
" Sugar-cured.....	0 12	@	0 12 1/2
Breakfast Bacon.....	0 9 1/2	@	0 10
Sugar-cured Shoulders.....	0 8	@	0 8 1/2
Bulk shoulders.....	0 7	@	0 7 1/2
" Ig. cl. sides.....	0 8 1/2	@	0 8 1/2
" Fat back.....	0 8 1/2	@	0 8 1/2
" Bellies.....	0 8 1/2	@	0 8 1/2
Bacon Shoulders.....	0 7 1/2	@	0 7 3/4
" Sides.....	0 9 1/2	@	0 9 1/2
Lard.....	0 7 1/2	@	0 8 1/2
Smoked Beef.....	0 14	@	0 14 1/2
Smoked Pork.....	0 17	@	0 18
Sausage-Brown.....	0 53	@	0 6
Old Fat.....	0 6 1/2	@	0